US Army Corps of Engineers
Seattle District

WASHINGTON STATE DEPARTMENT OF ECOLOGY

# Joint Public Notice

## Application for a Department of the Army Permit and a Washington Department of Ecology Water Quality Certification and/or Coastal Zone Management Consistency Concurrence


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**Public Notice Date: April 21, 2016**
**Expiration Date**: May 21, 2016

**Reference No.:** NWS-2007-1878
**Name:** Pierce County Public Works (Chambers Creek Pier)


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Interested parties are hereby notified that the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) and the Washington Department of Ecology (Ecology) have received an application to perform work in waters of the U.S. as described below and shown on the enclosed drawings dated April 11, 2016.

The Corps will review the work in accordance with Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (CWA) and Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act. Ecology will review the work pursuant to Section 401 of the CWA, with applicable provisions of State water pollution control laws and the Coastal Zone Management Act.

APPLICANT: Pierce County Public Works
Attention: Stefan Kamieniecki
6580 64th Street West
University Place, Washington 98467-1078
Telephone: (253) 798-3094

LOCATION: In Puget Sound near University Place, Pierce County, Washington.

WORK: The applicant proposes to construct a 3,889-square-foot pier, drive 16 piles, and install a 630-square-foot ramp and 1,200-square-foot float in Puget Sound near University Place, Pierce County, Washington. The 3,889-square-foot pier would be connected to a pedestrian bridge which was previously constructed landward of Mean High Water. The 630-square-foot ramp (105 feet by 6 feet) would connect the north end of the pier to the 1,200-square-foot float (12 feet by 100 feet). The pier would be supported by eight 3.5-foot diameter steel piles filled with up to 180 cubic yards of concrete and the float would be supported by eight 30-inch diameter steel piles. All piling would be driven using a vibratory hammer.

PURPOSE: Public access to the shoreline.

MITIGATION: The applicant has removed 25 cubic yards of metal debris (pile casings, sheet metal, railroad materials, etc.), 427 cubic yards of concrete debris (concrete pump house, concrete piles, boat ramps, etc.), and 174 cubic yards of woody debris (piling, piers, etc.) from the shoreline adjacent to the proposed pier, ramp, and float.

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ENDANGERED SPECIES: The Endangered Species Act (ESA) requires federal agencies to consult with the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) and/or U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service pursuant to Section 7 of the ESA on all actions that may affect a species listed (or proposed for listing) under the ESA as threatened or endangered or any designated critical habitat. After receipt of comments from this public notice, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers will evaluate the potential impacts to proposed and/or listed species and their designated critical habitat.

ESSENTIAL FISH HABITAT: The Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, as amended by the Sustainable Fisheries Act of 1996, requires all Federal agencies to consult with the NMFS on all actions, or proposed actions, permitted, funded, or undertaken by the agency, that may adversely affect Essential Fish Habitat (EFH). The proposed action would impact EFH in the project area. If the Corps determines that the proposed action may adversely affect EFH for federally managed fisheries in Washington waters, the Corps will initiate EFH consultation with the NMFS. The Corps' final determination relative to project impacts and the need for mitigation measures is subject to review by and coordination with the NMFS.

CULTURAL RESOURCES: The Corps has reviewed the latest published version of the National Register of Historic Places, Washington Information System for Architectural and Archaeological Records Data and other sources of information. Historic properties are recorded near the proposed project. However, they do not occur in the permit area. The proposed work is of such a limited nature and extent that little likelihood exists for the project to impinge upon an unrecorded historic property. The Corps invites responses to this public notice from Native American Tribes or tribal governments; Federal, State, and local agencies; historical and archeological societies; and other parties likely to have knowledge of or concerns regarding historic properties and sites of religious and cultural significance at or near the project area. After receipt of comments from this public notice, the Corps will evaluate potential impacts and consult with the State Historic Preservation Officer and Native American Tribes in accordance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act, as appropriate.

PUBLIC HEARING: Any person may request, in writing, within the comment period specified in this notice, that a public hearing be held to consider this application. Requests for public hearings shall state, with particularity, the reasons for holding a public hearing.

EVALUATION – CORPS: The decision whether to issue a permit will be based on an evaluation of the probable impacts, including cumulative impacts, of the proposed activity on the public interest. That decision will reflect the national concern for both protection and utilization of important resources. The benefits, which reasonably may be expected to accrue from the proposal, must be balanced against its reasonably foreseeable detriments. All factors which may be relevant to the proposal will be considered, including the cumulative effects thereof; among those are conservation, economics, aesthetics, general environmental concerns, wetlands, historic properties, fish and wildlife values, flood hazards, floodplain values, land use, navigation, shoreline erosion and accretion, recreation, water supply and conservation, water quality, energy needs, safety, food and fiber production, mineral needs, considerations of property ownership, and, in general, the needs and welfare of the people.

The Corps is soliciting comments from the public; Native American Nations or tribal governments; Federal, State, and local agencies and officials; and other interested parties in order to consider and evaluate the impacts of this activity. Any comments received will be considered by the Corps to determine whether to issue, modify, condition or deny a permit for the work. To make this decision, comments are used to assess impacts on endangered species, historic properties, water quality, general environmental effects, and the other public interest factors listed above. Comments are used in the preparation of an Environmental Assessment and/or an Environmental Impact Statement pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act. Comments are also used to determine the need for a public hearing and to determine the overall public interest of the activity.

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The described discharge will be evaluated for compliance with guidelines promulgated by the Environmental Protection Agency under authority of Section 404(b)(1) of the CWA. These guidelines require an alternatives analysis for any proposed discharge of dredged or fill material into waters of the United States.

EVALUATION – ECOLOGY: Ecology is soliciting comments from the public; Federal, Native American Nations or tribal governments, State, and local agencies and officials; and other interested parties in order to consider and evaluate the impacts of this activity. Ecology will be considering all comments to determine whether to certify or deny certification for the proposed project.

ADDITIONAL EVALUATION: This proposal is the subject of Shorelines Substantial Development Permit, being processed by the City of University Place.

COMMENT AND REVIEW PERIOD: Conventional mail or e-mail comments on this public notice will be accepted and made part of the record and will be considered in determining whether authorizing the work would not be contrary to the public interest. In order to be accepted, e-mail comments must originate from the author's e-mail account and must include on the subject line of the e-mail message the permit applicant's name and reference number as shown below. Either conventional mail or e-mail comments must include the permit applicant's name and reference number, as shown below, and the commenter's name, address, and phone number. All comments whether conventional mail or e-mail must reach this office, no later than the expiration date of this public notice to ensure consideration.

Copies of this public notice which have been mailed or otherwise physically distributed feature project drawings in black and white. The electronic version features those drawings in color, which we think more accurately communicates the scope of project impacts. To access the electronic version of this public notice, go to the Seattle District's web page at http://www.nws.usace.army.mil/ and under the heading Open Public Comment Periods select Regulatory Public Notices. Recently-issued public notices are listed in chronological order of the date of issuance. Select and view the listing for this project.

CORPS COMMENTS: All e-mail comments should be sent to kaitlyn.r.white@usace.army.mil. Conventional mail comments should be sent to: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Regulatory Branch, Attention: Kaitlyn White, P.O. Box 3755, Seattle, Washington 98124-3755. All comments received will become part of the administrative record and are subject to public release under the Freedom of Information Act including any personally identifiable information such as names, phone numbers, and addresses.

ECOLOGY COMMENTS: Any person desiring to present views on the project pertaining to a request for water quality certification under Section 401 of the CWA and/or Coastal Zone Management consistency concurrence, may do so by submitting written comments to the following address: Washington State Department of Ecology, Attention: Federal Permit Coordinator, P.O. Box 47600, Olympia, Washington 98504-7600, or e-mail to ecyrefedpermits@ecy.wa.gov.

To ensure proper consideration of all comments, responders must include the following name and reference number in the text of their comments: Pierce County Public Works (Chambers Creek Pier); NWS-2007-1878

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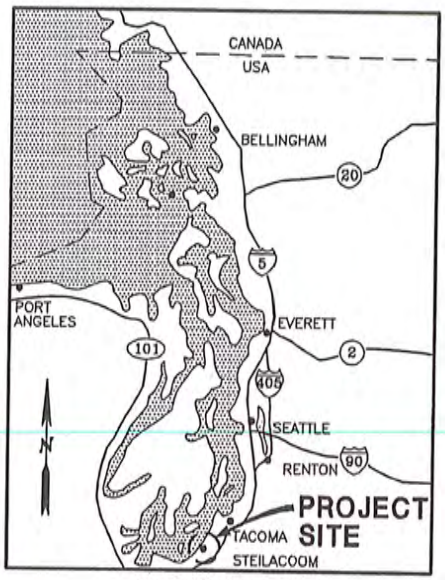



**LOCATION MAP**
NOT TO SCALE

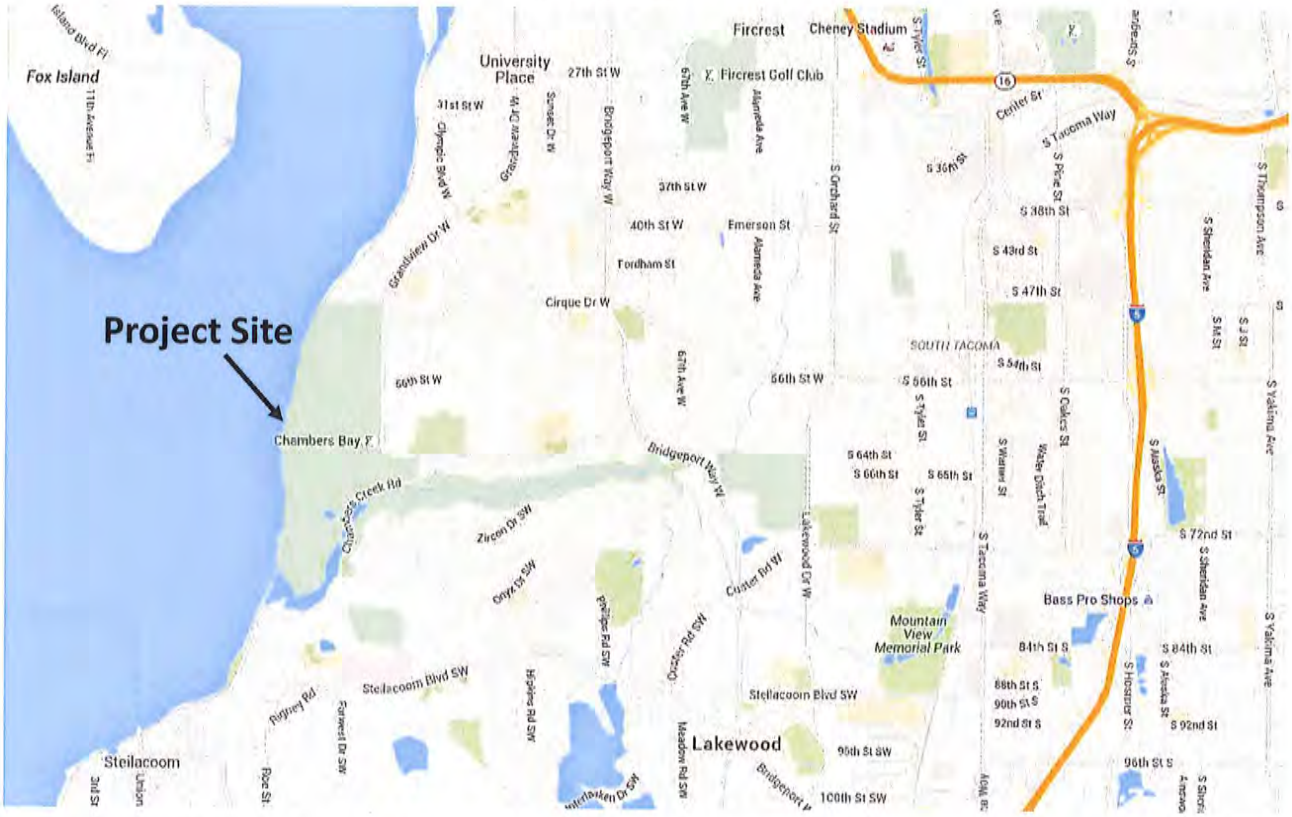
## SITE ADDRESS

NAME: CHAMBERS CREEK PROPERTIES
ADDRESS: 6320 GRANDVIEW DR W
UNIVERSITY PLACE, WA 98467
PHONE: (253) 798-4050

(SECTION 20, TOWNSHIP 20 N, RANGE 2 EAST, W.M. IN THE CITY OF UNIVERSITY PLACE, PIERCE COUNTY, WASHINGTON)

NOTES:

1. ORDINARY HIGH WATER MARK HAS BEEN DETERMINED TO BE +13.5 FEET USING USC & GS DATUM. BY DEFINITION, THE ORDINARY HIGH WATER MARK "IS THAT MARK THAT WILL BE FOUND BY EXAMINING THE BED AND BANKS AND ASCERTAINING WHERE THE PRESENCE AND ACTION OF WATERS ARE SO COMMON AND USUAL, AND SO LONG CONTINUED IN ALL ORDINARY YEARS, AS TO MARK UPON THE SOIL A CHARACTER DISTINCT FROM THAT OF THE ABUTTING UPLAND."
2. DIRECTIONS TO SITE: I-5 TO TACOMA, TAKE 56th ST EXIT GO WEST (WILL TURN INTO CIRQUE DR W) FOLLOW TO BRIDGEPORT WAY W, GO SOUTH TO CHAMBER LN GO WEST (WILL TURN INTO CHAMBER CREEK RD W) FOLLOW AND TAKE LEFT ON CHAMBER CREEK RD W TO SITE.

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**Vicinity Map**

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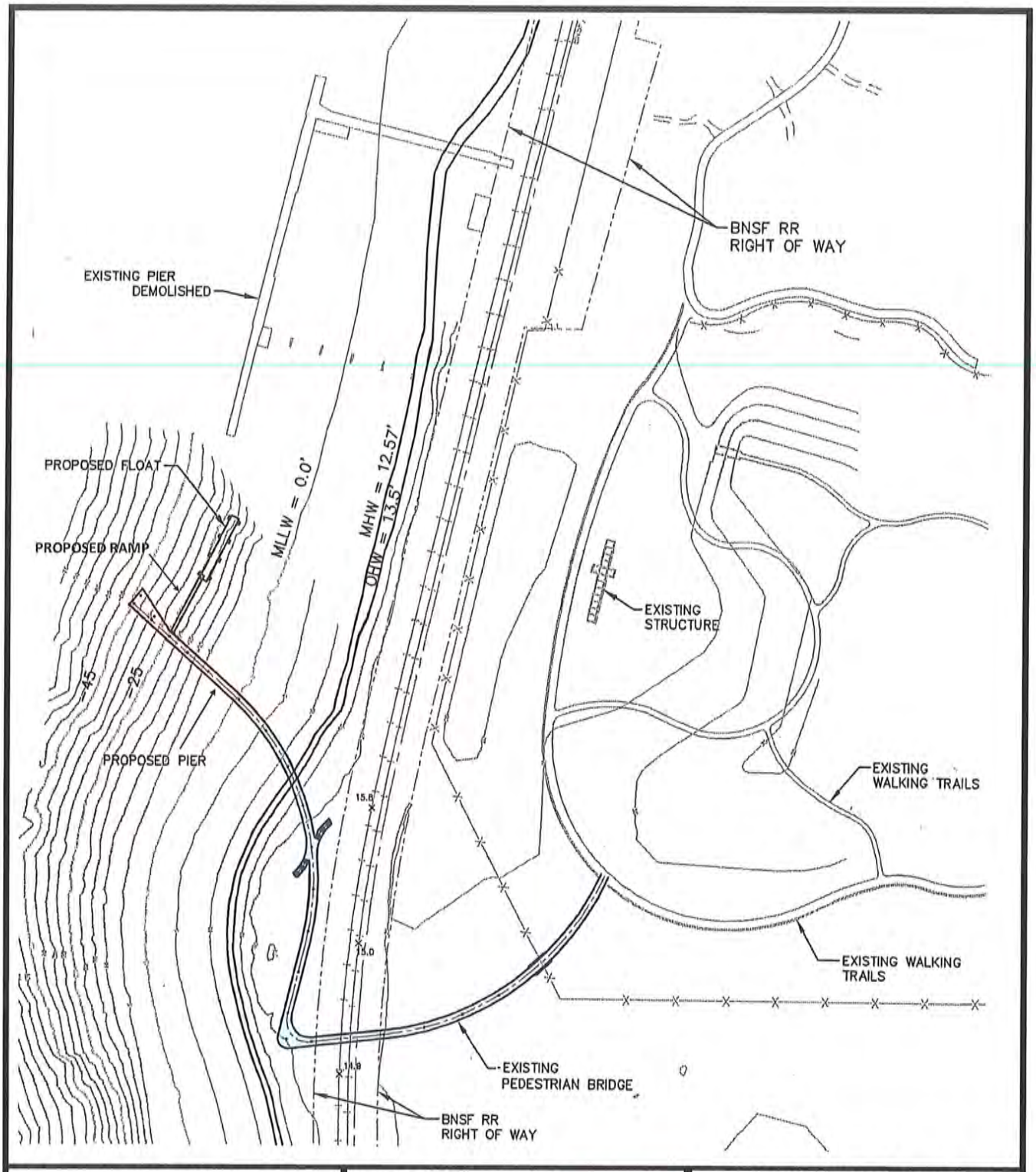


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Phase 1 & 2 (Complete)
10,153 $ft^2$ pier & pedestrian bridge

Phase 3 & 4 (Proposed)
3,889 $ft^2$ pier extension
630 $ft^2$ ramp
1,200 $ft^2$ float

**Existing & Proposed Conditions**
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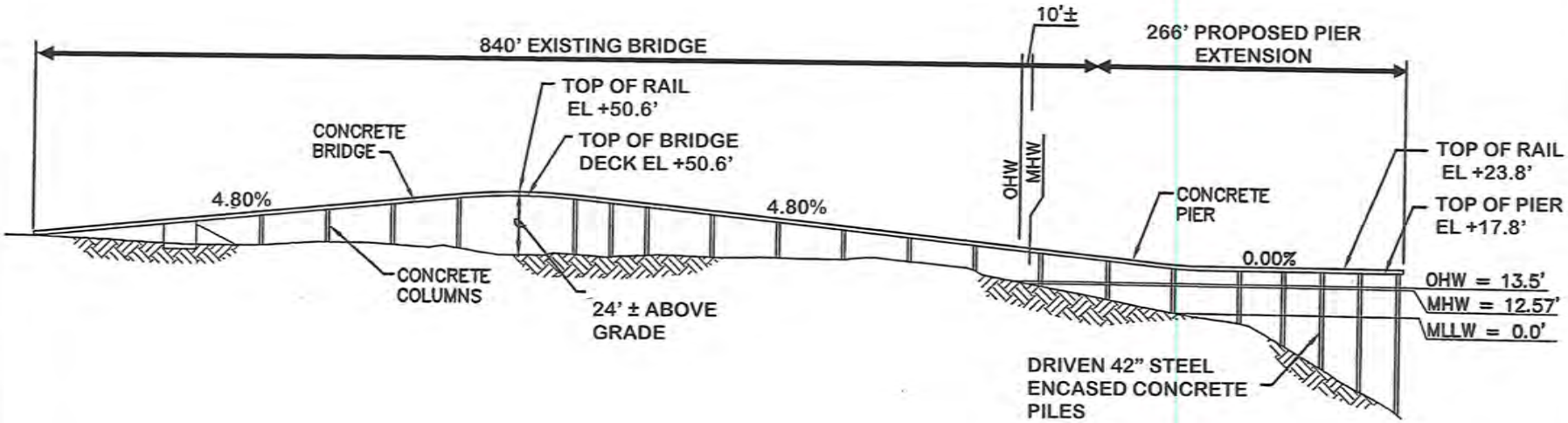


## PROPOSED BRIDGE/PIER ELEVATION

SCALE: HORIZ 1"=200'
VERT 1"=100'

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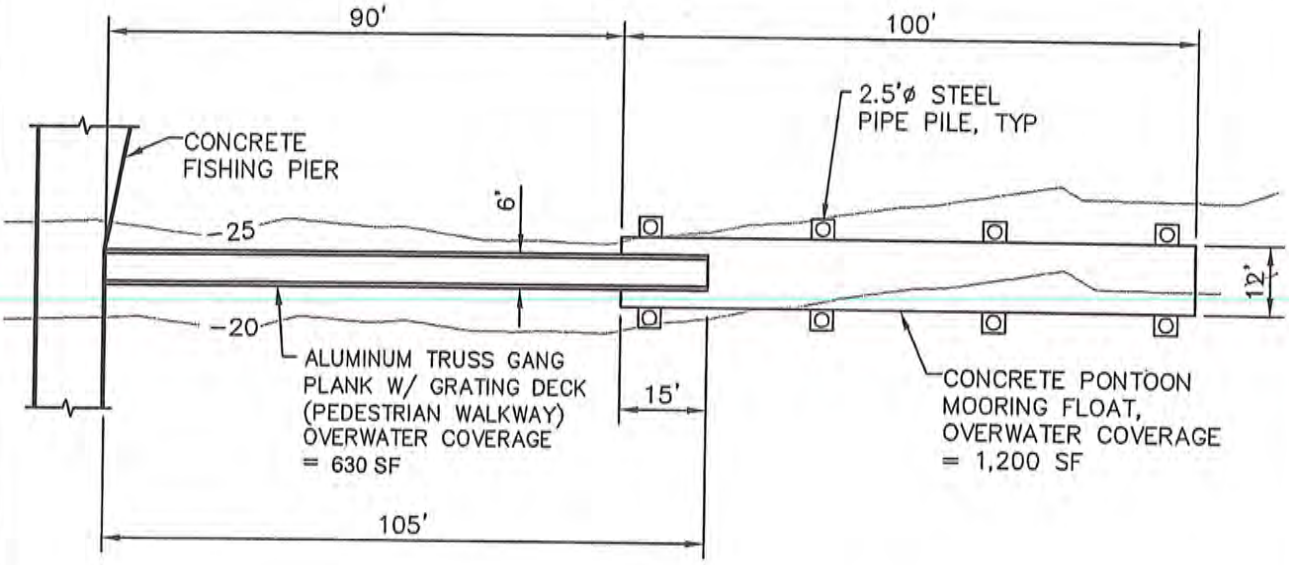
## PROPOSED MOORING FLOAT PLAN

SCALE: 1/32"=1'-0"

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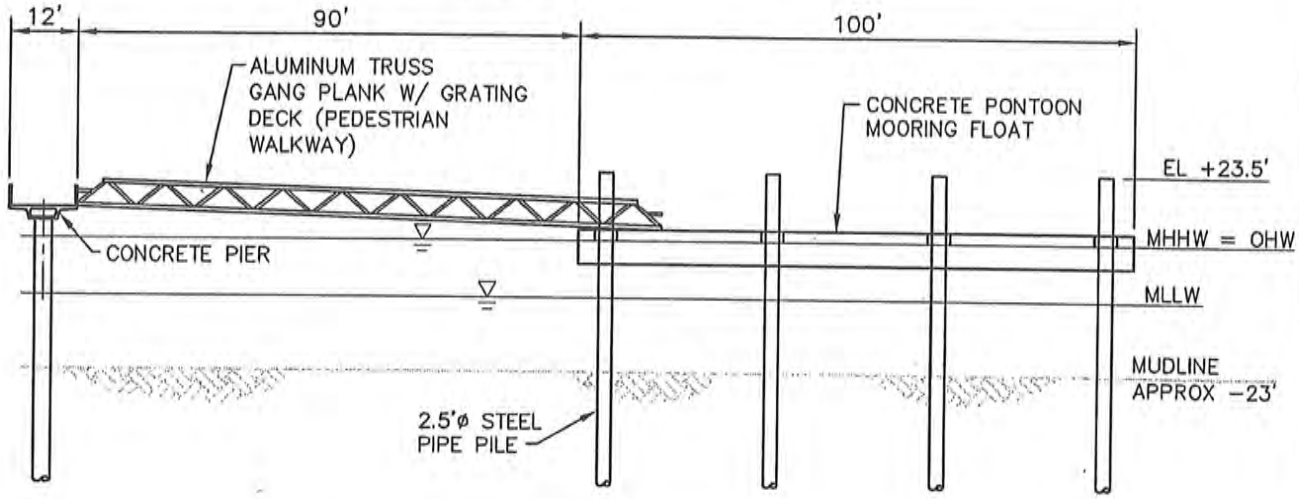


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**Proposed Ramp & Float Cross-Section**

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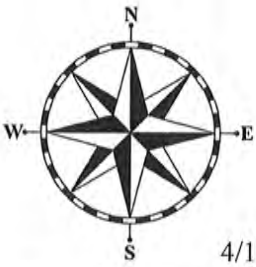


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